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TO: HOLDERS OF THE FOOD STAMP MANUAL, DIVISION 63

**Regulation Package #1003-23****Effective 4/19/04****Sections 63-300 and 63-504**

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On August 9, 2003, the Governor signed Assembly Bill (AB) 1752 (Chapter 225, Statutes of 2003). AB 1752 contains a provision requiring the state to provide a transitional food stamp benefit program. Under this statute, county welfare departments are required to provide transitional food stamp benefits to households who are terminating their participation in the CalWORKs program without the need to reestablish food stamp eligibility.

On October 9, 2003, the Governor signed AB 231 (Chapter 743, Statutes of 2003). AB 231 requires the state to screen food stamp households for face-to-face interview exemptions upon application and recertification, and to grant such exemptions when appropriate.

These regulations align the state regulations with the statutory changes providing transitional food stamp benefits and comply with the provisions of AB 231 by instructing counties to screen household applications for exemptions from face-to-face interviews upon application and recertification, and to grant such exemptions whenever appropriate.

These regulations were considered at the Department's public hearing held on May 19, 2004.

**FILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**All new revisions are indicated by a vertical line in the left margin. Revisions shown in graphic screen will continue to be shown in that manner until new revisions are done to those pages.** The attached pages are to be entered in your copy of the Manual of Policies and Procedures. The latest prior manual letter containing Food Stamp Manual changes was FS-04-03.

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.38 Beginning Date of Application When CWD is Closed on Normal Work Days

.381 In the event the CWD is closed during the regular eight hours of a working day as defined in Sections 11-601.214 and .215, and an application for Food Stamp benefits is deposited in a drop box, mail slot, or other reasonable accommodation in accordance with Section 11-601.311(b), the "date of application" shall be the date the application is deposited.

.382 In the event the CWD is closed during the regular eight hours of a working day as defined in Sections 11-601.214 and .215, and an applicant calls to make a request for emergency benefits in accordance with Section 11-601.313, the date of application shall be the date the telephone call is received.

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.383 Example: On Friday, when the CWD is closed, an applicant deposits an application for Food Stamp benefits in a mail slot designated for that purpose. The application will be date stamped with Friday's date or it will be otherwise indicated on the application that it was received on Friday, the date of application. Had the applicant made a request for Homeless Assistance, Food Stamp Expedited Services, Medi-Cal, or AFDC Immediate Need via the local telephone service on Friday, the date of application would be Friday and the application would have to be processed within established time frames.

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.4 Interviews

All applicant households, including those submitting applications by mail, shall have face-to-face interviews in a food stamp office or other mutually acceptable location, including a household's residence, with a qualified eligibility worker prior to initial certification and all recertifications except when waived in accordance with Sections 63-300.42, .43, and .44. Interview requirements for PA and GA applicants are detailed in Section 63-301.6. Interviews conducted in the household's residence must be scheduled in advance with the household. The individual interviewed may be the head of household, spouse, any other responsible member of the household, or an authorized representative. The individual interviewed may bring any person he/she chooses to the interview. The interviewer shall not simply review the information that appears on the application, but shall explore and resolve with the household unclear and incomplete information and document any changes in household circumstances that have occurred between the time the application was filed and the time of the certification interview. Households shall be advised of their rights and responsibilities during the interview, including but not limited to, the appropriate application processing standard, the household's responsibility to report changes, that eligibility will be determined without discrimination, and the availability and amount of the Standard Utility Allowance (SUA). The interview is an official and confidential discussion of household circumstances with the applicant. The applicant shall be made to feel at ease during the interview and in all instances the household's right to privacy shall be respected. Facilities shall be adequate to preserve the privacy and confidentiality of the interview. The scope of the interview shall not extend beyond the examination of household circumstances which directly relate to the determination of household eligibility and basis of issuance.

.41 The CWD at the time of the interview, shall determine which households shall be subject to monthly reporting and/or retrospective budgeting, as specified in Section 63-505.2. Households subject to monthly reporting and/or retrospective budgeting requirements shall be provided with the following at the certification and recertification interviews:

- .411 Written and verbal explanations of monthly reporting/retrospective budgeting;
- .412 A copy of the CA 7 report and an explanation of how the report shall be completed and submitted;
- .413 An explanation of the monthly reporting verification requirements that the household is responsible for meeting;
- .414 A telephone number (toll-free or a number where collect calls will be accepted from households living outside the local calling area) which the household may call to ask questions or to obtain help in completing the monthly report.

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.415 The CWD may provide the name of a worker to contact.

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| .42 Waiving the Interview (CWD Screening Process)

The CWD shall screen applicants for the need to have face-to-face interviews as part of the application and recertification process. If mutually acceptable face-to-face interview accommodations between the county and applicant/recipient cannot be made, the county shall then evaluate whether the household qualifies for an exemption as specified in Sections 63-300.43 and .44.

| .43 Waiving the Face-to-Face Interview (No Option)

The face-to-face interview shall be waived if requested by any household which is unable to appoint an authorized representative and which has no household members able to come to the interview because they are 65 years of age or older, or physically disabled and whose members have no earned income. The face-to-face interview shall also be waived if requested by any household which is unable to appoint an authorized representative and lives in a location which is not served by a certification office.

| .44 Waiving the Face-to-Face Interview (Case-by-case)

The CWD shall waive the face-to-face interview and instead allow a telephone interview on a case-by-case basis for any household which is unable to appoint an authorized representative and which has no household members able to come to the interview because of transportation difficulties or similar hardships which the CWD determines warrant a waiver of the interview. These hardship conditions include, but are not limited to: illness, care of a household member, prolonged severe weather, or work hours which preclude a face-to-face interview, lack of transportation, or living in a rural or remote area. The CWD shall determine if the transportation difficulty or hardship reported by a household warrants a waiver of the interview and shall document in the case file why a request for a waiver was granted or denied.

| .45 When the Interview is Waived

The CWD has the option of conducting a telephone interview or a home visit for those households for whom the face-to-face interview is waived. Home visits shall be used only if the time of the visit is scheduled in advance with the household.

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Waiver of the face-to-face interview does not exempt the household from the verification requirements, although special procedures may be used to permit the household to provide verification and thus obtain its benefits in a timely manner, such as substituting a collateral contact in cases where documentary verification would normally be provided.

Waiver of the face-to-face interview shall not affect the length of the household's certification period.

There is no limit to how many times a household may be certified based on telephone interviews. However, the case file must be adequately documented each time the face-to-face interview is waived.

| .46 Scheduling Initial Application Interviews

The CWD shall schedule all interviews as promptly as possible to ensure eligible households receive an opportunity to participate within 30 days after the application is filed. The special circumstances of the household, including households with working members, must be considered to the extent practicable, when interviews are scheduled. If a household misses its scheduled interview, the CWD shall send the household a Notice of Missed Interview (NOMI). The CWD shall reschedule if the household requests another interview within 30 days of the initial application filed.

| .461 The CWD shall not deny a household's application prior to the 30<sup>th</sup> day after initial application if the household fails to appear for the first scheduled interview. A NOMI must be sent to the household reminding the household to reschedule their interview prior to the 30<sup>th</sup> day after application. Only after the NOMI is sent and the household fails to reschedule, can the CWD send a denial notice on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after application.

| .462 If the household requests a second interview during the 30-day application-processing period and is determined eligible, the CWD must issue prorated benefits from the date of application.

| .463 If the household fails to keep its second scheduled interview, a notice of denial must be issued no earlier than the 30<sup>th</sup> day after application.

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Example 1: The household applies on March 1 and is scheduled for an interview by the CWD on March 5. The household misses the first scheduled interview. The household is sent a NOMI and asked to reschedule their interview appointment. They reschedule within 30 days of the application date on March 10. The household keeps their March 10 appointment. The case is processed for eligibility. If eligible, the case is granted as soon as administratively possible and benefits are issued from the date of application. If the household is found to be ineligible for benefits, the case is denied on the 30th day after application.

Example 2: The household applies on April 5 and is scheduled for an interview by the CWD on April 6. The household fails to appear for the first scheduled interview. The CWD sends a NOMI as soon as administratively possible. The household reschedules a second interview within 30 days of the application date, but fails to appear. The CWD must deny the household on the 30th day following the date of application.

The NOMI process will not impact the recertification process.

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|        .464    Scheduling Recertification Interviews

- |                    (a)    As part of the recertification process, the CWD must conduct a face-to-face interview with a member of the household or its authorized representative at least once every 12 months for households certified for 12 months or less. The requirement for a face-to-face interview once every 12 months may be waived in accordance with Sections 63-300.43 and .44.
- |                    (b)    If a household receives PA/GA and will be recertified for food stamps more than once in a 12-month period, the CWD may choose to conduct an in-office face-to-face interview with that household only once during that period. At any other recertification during that year period, the CWD may interview the household by telephone, conduct a home visit, or recertify the household by mail.
- |                    (c)    CWDs shall schedule interviews so that the household has at least 10 days after the interview in which to provide verification before the certification period expires.

|        .465    In-office Interviews During the Certification Period

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CWDs may request households to report for an in-office interview during the certification period, but may not require it. If a mutually acceptable location outside the office cannot be agreed upon by the household and the CWD, the interview shall take place in the office.

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For example: the CWD may not require households to report en mass for an in-office interview during their certification period to review the household's case files or for any other reason during the certification period.

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.5 Verification

- (a) Verification is the use of third-party information or documentation to establish the accuracy of statements on the application. Verification and documentation are tools for making this judgement and recording the decision-making process in the case file.
  - (1) Prior to determining eligibility for applicant households, sufficient information concerning the applicant's situation must be obtained in order for the EW to make an informed judgement as to the household's eligibility. The household shall be given at least 10 days from the date of request to provide required verification. If the household does not provide the needed information in the time allotted, the CWD shall issue an adverse notice of action by the 30<sup>th</sup> day following the application date.
  - (2) During the certification period, the CWD may obtain information about changes in a household's circumstances, other than information reported on the income report, through a third party or the household that the CWD cannot use to clearly determine eligibility and/or benefit amount. The CWD must pursue clarification using the following procedure:
    - (A) The CWD must issue a Request for Information (RFI) which advises the household of the verification it must provide or actions it must take to clarify the household's circumstances.
    - (B) The CWD must allow the household at least 10 days to respond or to clarify its circumstances either by telephone or by correspondence, as the CWD directs.
    - (C) If the household does provide sufficient information to clarify its circumstances, the CWD must issue a notice of adverse action to terminate the household after at least 10 days has been given to the household to respond.



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- (D) If the household responds to the RFI and provides sufficient information, the CWD must act on the new circumstances in accordance with noticing procedures for increases or decreases in benefits.
- (b) If the household's certification cannot be completed by the end of its current certification period due to the 10-day time period allowed for submitting verification, the CWD shall provide benefits within five working days after the verification is received. Benefits shall not be prorated from the date verification is received; the household shall receive a full month of benefits.
- (c) If obtaining verification of a deductible expense may delay the household's certification beyond the normal processing time frame, the CWD shall advise the household that its eligibility and benefit level may be determined without providing a deduction for the claimed, but unverified expense.
- (d) If the expense cannot be verified within 30 days of the date of application, the CWD shall determine the household's eligibility and benefit level without providing a deduction for the unverified expense. If the household subsequently provides the missing verification, the CWD shall redetermine the household's benefits, and provide increased benefits, if any, in accordance with the timeliness standards in Section 63-504.35 for monthly reporting households and Section 63-504.42 for nonmonthly reporting households.

The household shall be entitled to the restoration retroactive to the month of application of benefits denied as a result of the disallowance of the expense, only if the expense could not be verified within the 30-day processing standard because the CWD failed to allow the household sufficient time, as defined in Section 63-301.4, to verify the expense. If the household would be ineligible unless the expense is allowed, the household's application shall be handled as provided in Section 63-301.4.

For verification requirements for the CA 7, refer to Sections 63-504.325, .326 and .341.

(e) **Mandatory Verification**

The CWD shall verify the following information prior to certification for households initially applying:

(1) **Gross Nonexempt Income**

Gross nonexempt income shall be verified for all households prior to certification. However, where all attempts to verify the income have been unsuccessful because the person or organization providing the income has failed to cooperate with the household and the CWD and all other sources of verification are unavailable, the CWD shall determine an amount to be used for certification purposes based on the best available information. Best available information may include an applicant's affidavit.

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.6 Receipt of Verification/Documentation

Upon request, CWDs shall provide a written receipt to any applicant or recipient who hand delivers documents that have been requested by the CWD. Receipts shall only be provided for documents which have been delivered in person to a CWD employee other than the applicant's or recipient's regularly assigned caseworker and to the location in which or through which the caseworker and to the location in which or through which the caseworker conducts his or her business. (Only one receipt is required for monthly income reports and their supporting documents.)

.61 Notice of Right to a Receipt

CWDs shall post a notice of the applicant's or recipient's right to a receipt in a prominent location and in an area where documents are regularly received.

.62 Exemptions from Receipt Requirements

- .621 A CWD which maintains a system of logging hand delivered documents shall be exempt from the requirement to provide a receipt or post notice of right to a receipt.
- .622 A CWD which provides receipts for all hand delivered documents without a request by an applicant or recipient shall be exempt from the notice posting requirement.
- .623 A CWD which receives monthly income reports and other requested documents which have been mailed by the applicant or recipient shall not be subject to the requirements in this section.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 10554 and 18904, Welfare and Institutions Code. Reference: Sections 10554, 11023.5, 11348.5, 18901.10, 18904, and 18932, Welfare and Institutions Code; 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 273.2(b)(ii), (c)(2)(i) and (ii), (c)(3), (c)(5), (e)(1), (e)(2), (e)(3), (f)(1)(i)(C), (ii)(B)(1), (2), (3), and (C), and (iii)(h)(1)(i)(D), and proposed (f)(1)(xii) as published in the Federal Register, Vol. 59, No. 235 on December 8, 1994, (f)(3), (f)(3)(ii), (f)(8), (h), (h)(1)(i)(D), and (j)(1); 7 CFR 273.4(a)(2) and (10) and (c)(2); 7 CFR 273.7(i)(4) and (j)(1); 7 CFR 273.12(c) and (c)(3); 7 CFR 273.14(b)(3)(i), (iii) and (b)(4) and (e); 7 CFR 273.21(h)(2)(iv), (i), and (j)(3)(iii)(B); USDA Food and Nutrition Service Office, Western Region, Administrative Notice 84-56, Indexed Policy Memo 84-23; 7 U.S.C.A. 2020(e)(2); Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Public Law (P.L.) 101-336, 1990; U.S.D.A., Food and Consumer Services, Administrative Notice No. 94-22, dated January 7, 1994; Chapter 306, Statutes of 1988, and AB 1371, Chapter 306, Statutes of 1995; Blanco v. Anderson Court Order, United States District Court, Eastern District of California, No. CIV-S-93-859 WBS, JFM, dated January 3, 1995, and Federal Register, Vol. 66, No. 229, dated November 28, 2001.

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.1 Certification Periods

The CWD shall certify each eligible household for a definite period of time within which a household shall be certified to receive benefits. At the expiration of such certification period, entitlement to food stamp benefits shall end. Under no circumstances shall benefits be continued beyond the end of a certification period without a new determination of eligibility. See Section 63-504.6 for recertification procedures. CWDs must assign the longest certification period possible based on the predictability of the household's circumstances. The first month of the certification period will be the first month for which the household is eligible to participate. The certification period cannot exceed 12 months, except as specified in Sections 63-504.13, .14, and .15.

.11 General Requirements for Establishing Certification Periods

.111 Certification periods shall conform to calendar or fiscal months, except that for initial applications where benefits are prorated, the beginning date of the certification period shall be the date the application was filed with the CWD. At initial application, the first month in the certification period shall generally be the month of application, even if the household's eligibility is not determined until a subsequent month. For timely reapplications and recertifications, the certification period shall begin with the month following the last month of the previous certification period. Households should be assigned certification periods of at least six months except as follows:

- (a) Households with unstable circumstances should be assigned certification periods consistent with their circumstances, but generally no less than three months.
- (b) Households may be assigned one or two-month certification periods when it appears likely that the household will become ineligible for food stamps in the near future.

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.12 Additional Requirements for Establishing Certification Periods for Monthly Reporting Households

.121 Public Assistance and Categorically Eligible Households

Households in which all members are contained in a single Public Assistance (PA) grant, and the food stamp applications are processed jointly as specified in Section 63-301.6, may have their food stamp recertifications, to the extent permitted by regulation, at the same time they are redetermined for PA eligibility.

The certification period shall be established for no longer than 12 months. The CWD shall be permitted to recertify food stamps when the PA redetermination occurs. However, if the PA redetermination and the food stamp recertification cannot be jointly processed, the CWD shall send the household a notice of expiration of its food stamp certification period as specified in Section 63-504.624 and proceed to recertify the household for food stamps in order not to exceed the 12 months. The certification period may be shortened as specified in Section 63-504.14 to keep the time frames on the same schedule.

- (a) If a household initially applies jointly for food stamps and PA benefits, a nonassistance classification shall be assigned if the food stamp application is approved prior to the PA determination being made and the certification period shall be assigned in accordance with Section 63-504.122. When the PA application is approved, the household shall be reclassified as public assistance, but the certification period shall remain as originally assigned. (See Section 63-301.7 for additional procedures for PA categorically eligible households.)

.122 Nonassistance Households

All nonassistance households (NA) subject to monthly reporting shall be certified for a period not to exceed 12 months.

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.123 Changes in Classification

If the household classification changes and Food Stamp Program eligibility is retained, the certification period shall be changed as follows:

- (a) When all members of a currently certified NA household apply for PA benefits, the CWD shall inform the household that it may be recertified for food stamps at the same time its PA eligibility is determined. In order to do so, the household shall submit an application for recertification and have a joint interview in conjunction with the processing of the PA application. If the household agrees to be recertified in accordance with the PA application, the CWD shall provide the household with the application forms (DFA 285-A1 and DFA 285-A2) necessary to recertify the household. If the household is determined to be eligible for PA benefits, a new food stamp certification period shall be assigned in accordance with Section 63-504.121.

- (1) If the household applying for PA benefits elects not to be recertified for food stamps in conjunction with processing of the PA application, the household's certification period shall remain as originally assigned, unless the CWD determines it is necessary to shorten the certification period in accordance with Section 63-504.14.

- (b) Households which have their PA eligibility terminated shall retain their originally assigned food stamp certification period, unless the CWD determines it is necessary to shorten the certification period in accordance with Sections 63-504.132(b) and 63-504.16.

.13 Transitional Food Stamp Benefits

- .131 If the household receives CalWORKs benefits in the month that CalWORKs eligibility is terminated, the household will receive transitional food stamp benefits for five months after the CalWORKs case closes, unless:

- (a) The household moves out of state.
- (b) The household loses CalWORKs or food stamp benefits due to a CalWORKs or Food Stamp sanction.

- .132 Transitional benefits shall be provided from the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month following the last month of participation in the CalWORKs program.



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- (a) Benefits shall be issued in an amount equal to the allotment received in the last month of CalWORKs eligibility, adjusted for the change in household income as a result of termination in the CalWORKs program.

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Example: A household is no longer receiving CalWORKs due to increased income in February. The transitional benefit would be based on the March food stamp budget minus the CalWORKs payment but not including the new or increased income. April 1<sup>st</sup> would be the beginning of the transitional food stamp period.

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- (b) The CWD shall adjust the food stamp certification period to coincide with the end of the transitional period.
- (c) The county shall notify the household of the change in their certification period.

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If the household wants to continue to receive food stamp benefits after the transitional benefit period ends, the household must submit an application for regular food stamp benefits.

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- (d) The CWD shall notify the household of the expiration of the transitional benefit period.

.14 Additional Requirements for Establishing Certification Periods for Nonmonthly Reporting Households

- .141 Nonmonthly reporting households shall be assigned the longest certification period possible based on the predictability of the individual household's circumstances. The certification period shall not exceed 12 months.

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- (a) Households shall be certified for one or two months, as appropriate, when the household cannot reasonably predict what its circumstances will be in the near future, or when there is a substantial likelihood of frequent and significant changes in income or household status.

.142 Certification periods for households consisting of all adult members who are elderly or disabled persons may be certified for up to 24 months, provided household circumstances are expected to remain stable. The CWD shall have at least one contact with these households every 12 months. The contact may be in the form of a telephone interview, an in-office interview or some form of a written report.

- (a) If children are part of a household in which all other adult members are elderly or disabled, the household may be certified for up to 24 months.

.15 Certification Periods for Households Residing on a Reservation

.151 Monthly reporting households residing on a reservation shall be certified for 24 months.

.152 When households move off the reservation, the CWD must either continue their certification periods until they would normally expire or shorten the certification period in accordance with Section 63-504.15.

.16 Shortening the Length of the Certification Period

.161 The CWD shall not shorten a household's certification period. The CWD must end a certification if the CWD determines the household becomes ineligible.

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Example: A household's certification will end by May 31st. However, in March of the same year, the CWD receives information that renders the household ineligible. The CWD cannot send a Notice of Expired Certification to shorten the certification period as a means of discontinuing the household from benefits. The certification period can be ended only if the CWD determines the household is ineligible and an adverse Notice of Action is sent to the household.

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| .17 Lengthening the Certification Period

| .171 CWDs may lengthen a household's certification period once it is established, as long as the total months of the certification period do not exceed 24 months for households in which all adult members are elderly or disabled, or 12 months for other households.

| .172 If the CWD extends a household's certification period, it must advise the household in accordance with adequate notice provisions as specified in Section 63-504.2.

.2 Notices of Action

.21 General Requirements

.211 All notices of action shall contain the information necessary to be considered adequate. Requirements for specific notices are contained in Sections 63-504.221, 63-504.253 and 63-504.271. To be considered adequate, a notice of action shall:

(a) Explain in easily understandable language:

(1) The proposed action;

(2) The reason for the proposed action;

(3) The household's right to request a state hearing;

(4) The availability of continued benefits and the potential liability of the household for any overissuance received while awaiting a state hearing, if the hearing decision is adverse to the household.

(b) Contain the telephone number to call for additional information. For households living outside the local calling area, a toll-free number or a number where collect calls will be accepted shall be provided.

(c) Advise the household of the availability of free legal representation if there is an individual or organization available that provides these services.

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.88 Photo ID Card Waivers

- .881 One or more of the minimum photo ID requirements in Section 63-504.84 may be waived for any CWD that can demonstrate that its alternate ID card or system will provide adequate safeguards against fraudulent and duplicate issuances.
- .882 In counties where photo ID cards are mandated, and a waiver is desired, the CWD shall request a waiver from FNS through SDSS. Decisions on the granting of waivers will be made on a case-by-case basis.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 10553, 10554, 10604, 11265.1, 11369, and 18904, Welfare and Institutions Code. Reference: Sections 10554, 18901.6, and 18904, Welfare and Institutions Code; 7 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 271.2; proposed 7 CFR 273.2(f)(1)(xii) as published in the Federal Register, Vol. 59, No. 235 on December 8, 1994, (f)(8)(i); (f)(8)(i)(A) as published in the Federal Register, Vol. 59, No. 235 on December 8, 1994; (f)(8)(ii), (h), and (h)(1)(i)(D), 7 CFR 273.2(j)(3) and (4); 7 CFR 273.8(b); 7 CFR 273.9(d)(6)(iii)(F), 7 CFR 273.10(d)(4), (f), (g)(1)(i) and (ii); 7 CFR 273.12(a)(1)(i)(A), (a)(1)(i)(B), and (a)(1)(i)(C)(2); proposed 7 CFR 273.12(a)(1)(vi) as published in the Federal Register, Vol. 59, No. 235 on December 8, 1994, and (c); 7 CFR 273.12(e)(1), (e)(2), and (e)(4); 7 CFR 273.13(a)(2); 7 CFR 273.13(b)(1); 7 CFR 273.14; 7 CFR 273.14(b)(3) and (e); 7 CFR 273.18(e)(6)(ii); 7 CFR 273.21(e)(1), (f)(1)(iii), (f)(1)(iv)(B), (f)(2)(v), (h)(2)(iv), proposed (h)(2)(ix) as published in the Federal Register, Vol. 59, No. 235 on December 8, 1994, (h)(3)(ii), (i), (j), (j)(1)(vi), (j)(1)(vii)(A) and (r), (j)(2)(iii), (j)(3)(ii), (j)(3)(iii)(B), (j)(3)(iii)(C), and proposed (j)(3)(iii)(E) as published in the Federal Register, Vol. 59, No. 235 on December 8, 1994; 7 CFR 274.10; Public Law (P.L.) 100-435, Section 351, P.L. 101-624, and P.L. 103-66; Section 1717, [7 U.S.C. 2014(e)]; 7 U.S.C. 2014(d)(7), 2017(c)(2)(B) and 2020(s); U.S.D.A. Food and Consumer Services, Administrative Notices 94-39 and 97-50; P.L. 104-193, Sections 801, 807 and 827 (Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996); Federal Administrative Notice 97-99, dated August 12, 1997; and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Administrative Notice (AN) 02-23, dated February 6, 2002; and USDA FNS AN 03-23, dated May 1, 2003.

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